

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Whereas the United States had never recognized the forcible incorporation of the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the former Soviet Union;

Whereas the declaration on May 4, 1990, of the reestablishment of full sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Latvia furthered the disintegration of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas Latvia since then has successfully built democracy, passed legislation on human and minority rights that conform to European and international norms, ensured the rule of law, developed a free market economy, and consistently pursued a course of integration into the community of free and democratic nations by seeking membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

Whereas Latvia, as a result of the progress of its political and economic reforms, has made, and continues to make, a significant contribution toward the maintenance of international peace and stability by, among other actions, its participation in NATO-led peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress hereby—

1           (1) congratulates Latvia on the occasion of the  
2           tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its inde-  
3           pendence and the role it played in the disintegration  
4           of the former Soviet Union; and

5           (2) commends Latvia for its success in imple-  
6           menting political and economic reforms, which may  
7           further speed the process of that country's integra-  
8           tion into European and Western institutions.

Passed the Senate May 24, 2000.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

## **S. CON. RES. 110**

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Congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union.